stipend and other facilities in the Scheduled Area Blocks of Koraput, Malkangiri, Rayagada, Nabarangpur, Gajapati, Mayurbhanj, Sundargarh, Kandhamal, Sambalpur and Keonjhar districts.

(c) The State Government has sent an incomplete proposal in respect of certain components that could be covered under the schemes of this Ministry.

(d) Ministry of Tribal Affairs also provides grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution of India and SCA to STP for raising the level of Administration in Scheduled Areas, for the welfare, development and raising the income levels of Scheduled Tribes. Under the scheme Grants under Article 275(1), tentative allocation to the State of Orissa during 2008-09 is Rs. 3565.53 lakh under the scheme of SCA to TSP, allocation of Rs. 5236.00 lakh has been made during 2008-09. State Government is required to submit proposals accordingly under these two schemes.

**Rehabilitation of orphaned and destitute children**

†3689. SHRI JAIPARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise/incident-wise details of the children who became orphan/destitute during earthquake and communal violence in the country during the last three years as on date;

(b) the welfare measures taken by the Central Government for rehabilitation of such children; and

(c) whether Government has received any foreign assistance during the said period, till date, in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Impact of programmes in electronic and print media on families**

†3690. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry's attention has been drawn towards the extensive social discussion on the adverse impact of current programmes on the families, in the electronic media and their coverage in Print Media;

(b) whether Government has also noted that, in the same way, several magazines are also adversely affecting the women and children instead of coming to their welfare;

(c) whether this matter has been discussed with other Ministries and agencies;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (e) As per the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, all broadcasters are required to abide by the programme and advertisement codes prescribed under the Cable Television Notworks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and rules framed thereunder. The Government has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee under Section 20 of the Act. The Committee either *suo-moto* or on receipt of complaints, examines cases of violations of the Codes. If any violation is noted by the Committee, action is taken against the TV Channels as per rules.

Also, the Government has set up the Press Council of India which is a statutory body set up under the Press Council Act, 1978 for the purpose of preserving the freedom of the Press and maintaining and improving the standards of newspapers and news agencies in India. It has laid down norms of journalistic conduct and such issues are covered by those norms. The Press Council of India looks into the complaints against the newspapers/magazines and after enquiry, and if found necessary, it can warn, admonish or censure the newspapers, the news agency, the editor or journalist or disapprove their conduct.

**Definition of Child**

3691. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the definition of 'Child' in different Acts in the country gives a different meaning and is thereby creating problems to law enforcing agencies; and

(b) why the country does not wish to conform to the UN Convention Norm on the definition of 'Child'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKACHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) A child is defined as a person below the age of 18 years in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Definition of child varies in our country from legislation to legislation according to its nature and scope. The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 has the same definition of the 'Child' as the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. At present there is no proposal to make definition of the 'Child' uniform in all other legislations.

**Child mortality**

3692. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, with two million children under the age of five dying every year, the country has a dismal record in child mortality;

(b) whether a new study conducted by *Save the Children,* which compares child mortality in a country to its national income per person, shows that India lags behind poorer neighbourers like Bangladesh and Nepal when it comes to cutting child deaths;

(c) if so, what are the other main features of the report; and

(d) what steps are being taken in this regard?